

Remarks

The present claim amendments were discussed with the Examiner, by telephone, on August 15, 2006.

Independent claim 29 has been allowed since the beginning of prosecution. Applicant has canceled the only other independent claim (claim 1) and amended several dependent claims (4-7, 10-11, 14, 16-19, 21-22, 24-25) to depend from allowed claim 29. Some of these dependent claims were also amended for consistency of terminology with their new parent claim (29), and no substantive changes have been made.

Claims 2-3, 8-9, 12-13, 15, 20, 23 and 26-28 have been canceled, as the subject matter of those claims was already expressed in claim 29.

The decision by the applicant to forego further prosecution of canceled claim 1 is a financial, administrative and/or business decision and not an admission that claim 1 is not patentable.

There are no outstanding issues. Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. **Also, it would be appreciated if a Notice of Allowance could be mailed prior to August 23, 2006, the deadline for bringing the application into a condition for allowance.**

Respectfully submitted,

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